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1. SUMMARY. THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE

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WILL INCLUDE FINANCE MINISTER SCHMIDT. THE FRG

IS INSISTING THAT THE CONFERENCE MUST END ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12. THE FRG HAS A NUMBER OF DETAILED QUESTIONS TO WHICH IT WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS ASAP. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE CONTENTS OF REFTEL WITH FOREIGN OFFICE ENERGY CHIEF KRUSE. KRUSE PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING LIST OF THE TOP FIVE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:
FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL
FINANCE MINISTER SCHMIDT
ECONOMICS MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER
FOREIGN OFFICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERMES
ECONOMICS MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANTZKE.
KRUSE SAID THAT THIS
WAS A LIST AS OF TODAY BUT THAT IT WAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. HE SAID IT WAS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT FINANCE MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY POEHL WOULD NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. KRUSE ALSO SAID THAT TWO ADDITIONAL HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN DELEGATION WERE THE CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE PLANNING STAFF AMBASSADOR BRUNNER AND THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON VON STADEN.

3. KRUSE SAID THE FRG HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHO WOULD ATTEND THE FEBRUARY 8 PREPARATORY CONFERENCE MEETING.

4. KRUSE REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR VON STADEN HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARY OF THE FRG'S VIEW THAT THE CONFERENCE MUST END ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12. HE SAID THAT THERE IS A MEETING OF THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BONN ON FEBRUARY 14 WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED SOMETIME AGO AND THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF POSTPONING THIS MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL INTENDS TO DEPART WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 10 A.M. AND THE FRG FEELS STRONGLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO WEDNESDAY MORNING MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE.

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5. KRUSE RAISED SOME MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE

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DETAILS OF THE CONFERENCE. FIRST HE SAID WHEN
AND WHERE DOES THE CONFERENCE START? HE SAID THE
FRG HOPES THE CONFERENCE WILL START MONDAY MORNING
AND HE NOTED THAT SCHEEL AND SCHMIDT WOULD NOT LIKE
TO LOSE HALF A WORKING DAY. OTHER QUESTIONS
KRUSE RAISED WERE HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE INVITED FOR
MONDAY LUNCH? WHAT TYPE OF FUNCTION IS BEING
CONSIDERED FOR MONDAY EVENING? IS ANYTHING SOCIAL
FORSEEN FOR TUESDAY EVENING? KRUSE ALSO ASKED FOR
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THE ROOM NUMBER OF THE FEBRUARY 8 MEETING.

6. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION KRUSE SAID THAT HE HAD NO MORE INFORMATION ON THE FRG SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE. HE NOTED THAT CHANCELLOR BRANDT IN HIS RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION HAD STATED THAT THE FRG VIEWED THIS CONFERENCE AS A FIRST STEP IN THE DIALOGUE WITH THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES. KRUSE SAID HE HOPED THAT THE US WOULD PUT MORE OF ITS CARDS ON THE TABLE AT THE FEBRUARY 8 MEETING AND HE REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET A POSITIVE RESPONSE ON DIFFICULT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS IF THE PROPOSALS ARE NOT PRESENTED UNTIL NEXT MONDAY OR TUESDAY.
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